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Arctostaphylos uva-ursi Kinnikinnick	1/6		•	•		•			•	Leaves turn red in winter; has pink or red berries and white to pink flowers. Good for planting on slopes. Desirable and easily available.
Athyrium filix-femina Lady Fern	4/3	•		•	•	•	•	•		Lacy and delicate shade-loving fern. Dies back in winter and emerges in the spring.
Blechnum spicant Deer Fern	1/2		•	•	•		•	•	•	Glossy green fronds make this an excellent border or accent plant.
Carex obnupta Slough Sedge	3/3				•	•		•		Sedges have edges to their dark green, broad, and upright grass-like leaves. Semi-evergreen. Highly desirable and easily available.
Carex stipata Sawbeak sedge	2/2		•		•	•	•			Has flat leaves and often grows in with other types of sedges and cattails. The seeds provide food for waterfowl.
Carex utriculata (rostrata) Beaked sedge	3/4		•		•	•	•	•		Frost-tolerant with flat, long, and wide stems.
Cornus stolonifera Bunchberry	2/4	•	•	•	•	•	•			Stays evergreen; white blossoms; red berries

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Deschampsia cespitosa Tufted Hair Grass	2/4+	•	•	•	•	•	•			Stays evergreen with water. Yellow blossoms. Spreads easily.
Eleocharis spp. Spikerush	2/2		•		•	•	•	•		Spikerushes have solid dark green round stems. Highly desirable and easily available.
Mahonia (Berberis) nervosa Low Oregon Grape	2/4		•	•			•	•		Does best in partial sun to lightly shaded areas; blue berries. Highly desirable groundcover that is easily available.
Polystichum munitum Sword Fern	4/4		•	•			•	•	•	Does best in shade, fronds are dark green, gray-green on underside. Highly desirable and easily available. Remove older brown fronds.
Scirpus acutus Hardstem Bulrush	4/3	•			•	•	•			Wetland groundcover provides food for small mammals and shelter for waterfowl.
Scirpus microcarpus Small-fruited Bulrush	2/3	•			•	•	•			A common wetland native. Despite its common name, this is a sedge, not a rush.